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Applicant: PATRICK IZQUIERDO ET AL.

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Title: METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF THE INTERIORS  
OF ENGINE CYLINDER BORES, AND CYLINDERS MADE  
BY SAID METHOD

REPLY TO FURTHER ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Further Election of Species Requirement dated August 11, 2000, Applicants provisionally elect Species A, drawn to a method for surface treatment of an interior of a hollow body directed to claim 4; Species F, drawn to a method for surface treatment of an interior of a hollow body directed to claim 11; Species b, drawn to a method for surface treatment of an interior of a hollow body directed to claim 18; and Species d, drawn to a method for surface treatment of an interior of a hollow body directed to claim 22.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and

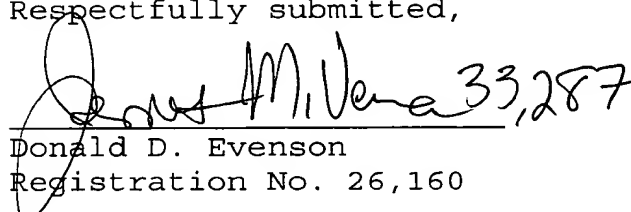


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